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PROPERTY TAX BILLS HAVE BEEN MAILED

Placer County Treasurer-Tax Collector Jenine Windeshausen announced the property tax bills for the 2007-2008 fiscal year have been mailed. Windeshausen indicated there are 155,821 tax bills for taxes and voter approved special assessments, with charges totaling \$705.7 million.

Pursuant to state law, the first installment of taxes is due November 1, 2007, and will become delinquent if not paid by 5 p.m. on Monday, December 10, 2007; thereafter a 10% penalty will be added. The second installment is due by February 1, 2008, and will become delinquent if not paid by 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 10, 2008; thereafter a 10% penalty as well as a \$10 cost will be added. Both installments may be paid when the first installment is due. Payments remaining unpaid after June 30, 2008, accrue additional penalties at the rate of one and one half percent per month, or eighteen percent annually.

Windeshausen noted an automated phone system is available 24 hours a day to assist taxpayers by calling (530) 889-4120. To pay by credit card, debit card or e-check, visit www.placer.ca.gov/tax or call toll free: 1-866-4TAXPMT (1-866-593-9768), fees apply. To pay by virtual check, see our website at www.placer.ca.gov/tax. Mailed payments should be sent to P. O. Box 7790, Auburn, CA 95604-7790 and must be U.S. postmarked by the delinquent date to avoid penalties. Payments may also be made in person at the Treasurer-Tax Collector's Office at 2976 Richardson Drive in Auburn. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., holidays excepted. For added convenience, a drive-up deposit box in the front of the building, as well as one in the lobby of the Tax Collector's Office, are also available.

This year the property tax statements will again include an insert for voluntary contributions to four Trust Funds. Last year's contributions totaled \$13,445 with \$2,471 donated to the Placer County Animal Services Trust Fund, \$4,402 donated to the Placer Legacy Open Space Trust Fund, \$3,356 donated to the Placer County Children's Trust Fund, and \$3,216 donated to the Placer County Library Trust Fund.

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